October 29, 2025

Principal Gemette McEachern
New Century International Middle School
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**RE: October 28, 2025 Assistant Principal Gail Kennedy's Threats To Students/Denial of Education**

Dear Principal Gemette McEachern,

Please find I am in receipt of the email you sent today dated 10/29/2025.The information you provided in the email is clearly not accurate, or reflect the truth as reported by the students, and is the complete opposite of what truthfully occurred yesterday, 10/28/2025, in the New Century International Middle School as my son and other students were threatened specifically by the Assistant Principal Gail Kennedy, in your administration, "if they didn't return the Impact Verification Form, they could not return back to school tomorrow (10/29/2025)." Then, the students were forced to call their parents yesterday, and the Assistant Principal Gail Kennedy stood there and listened to each call the students made, creating more fear, so the students could not properly tell their parents everything about what was happening to them and how she had threatened them by denying their education access in school.

My son is not in school today because he was denied equal access to education and threat based on what the Assistant Principal Gail Kennedy told him yesterday 10/28/2025, by way of a threat to deny his education, and told other students they could not return back to school tomorrow, which is today, if they didn't have their Impact Verification Aid Form in today. It's no misunderstanding at all what occurred and what was reported by the students who were threatened by Assistant Principal Gail Kennedy.

My son, A. Iron Horse, who is a student in the school and is a federally recognized tribal citizen didn't return back to school today because he was threatened by the Assistant Principal Gail Kennedy yesterday 10/28/2025, because of no Impact Verification Form and because he is also afraid of what the Assistant Principal Kennedy would do to him since he didn't have the form. My son and the other students don't deserve this type of treatment, threat, denial of education and abuse, and further, they didn't do anything wrong for your email to suggest or mention discipline with my son.

As a First Nations Tribal Parent and a professional, the school administration mishandled this matter very badly, and no one seems to care about how damaging this matter is to the students who attend the school, but clearly this is the type of environment which is being conducted at the school, and when parents raise a concern, it's no accountability or transparency about the abuse that was conducted. To that end, I and other parents don't know what to expect next from the school administration with this type of abuse to our children who are students.Certainly, this abuse and threats should not have happened at all to any student, and the Assistant Principal and your

administration, should have resolved or handle matters better without threatening and harming the student-children who are minors in New Century International Middle School.

It's against the federal law what the Assistant Principal did to my son and other students yesterday, but in your email, but now, you are making it appear like it never happened at all as your side of the story. Further, my son and the other students stated they were forced to call the parents, and the Assistant Principal stood there, where my son and the other student could not communicate freely with me, or their parent because they were threatened by the Assistant Principal, and that she stood in the door way, as she listened to the students talk to their parent. Further, this Impact Verification Form didn't even apply to my son, but yet he was threatened in the school by Assistant Gail Kennedy and how he couldn't return back to the school (today), unless he had this form that didn't even apply to us. This is against the law.

Moreover, I do not agree with the treatment, abuse, harassment, and threats my son and other students received yesterday; specifically, when the Assistant Principal also believed it was "okay" for her to listen in on their calls, and to tell my son to relay a message to me over the phone, like it was okay for her to threaten my son and make it appear to him, that I agreed with her abuse and treatment to threaten him and other students, and I clearly do not, in fact, what parent would agree to this treatment when they received the full story on what actually occurred yesterday in the school and how the students were denied to return back to school to receive and equal access to education, unless they return this Impact Aid Form.

No child should be treated like this ever by you or your Assistant Principal. It's very unprofessional, and unethical for an Adult, let alone a Principal, to treat a student-child at any age like this. This unprofessionalism shows the poor environment of the mindset, tactics, and practices the school administration uses to deny education, harm, and to threaten their students. Something really needs to be done about this to prevent your school from doing this again, and I am kindly asking for an investigation into the matter; why is it okay for students to be treated like this at the school. This behavior by the Assistant Principal is totally unacceptable and something should be done about the abuse of treatment and threats. My son and other students reported this abusive treatment and harassment was not only done to them, but they witnessed it by the same Principal with other students yesterday over the form, so this is not an isolated incident with my son and the other students threatened.

At best, any parent would be concerned about their child in the school now and I will kindly ask for the state and the government to look into this matter because my son and other students are going to the school for an education, and not, to be abused, harassed, threatened, denied education, and discriminated against by the school administration at New Century International Middle School.

Sincerely,
/s/ L. Iron Horse
First Nations Tribal Parent
Parent Child Advocate